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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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YAMAMOTO

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Serial No.: 09/537,669

Examiner: Y. Aggarwal

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Docket No.: 107317-00003

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.